

December 15, 2014  
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Wynn.

Mr. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Moore arrives during executive session.

No action was taken in executive session. Mr. Miller made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding executive session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the December 1, 2014 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the December 1, 2014 executive session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Dan Jones presented a proposal on behalf on the Tree Board to plant twenty three trees in the city to make improvements in the downtown area. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the tree board proposal as presented to plant trees to make improvements in the downtown area, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and appoint Cail Hammons to the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Wright stated the purpose of the public hearing for the city to approve a resolution to exercise eminent domain seeking to acquire easements from certain properties. Mayor Wright and Mr. Miller both recused themselves from any discussion of the public hearing and Mayor Wright turned the meeting over to Mrs. Wynn.

City Attorney Nelson gave the background information on the 2011 CDBG project which was to make storm water improvements in the Canaan Community. He stated the purpose for acquiring the easement was to allow the city to go onto the properties in the target area to make the necessary improvements. Property owners will not have to move nor will they lose their property nor will the property value be affected.

City Engineer, Richard Pendergrass explained that funding for the 2011 CDBG project was used to improve three problems that had been affecting the Canaan community relieve flooding, replace smaller water lines that were serving several houses, and to pave some streets. The additional easements needed on Brighton Road and Martin Luther King Jr Drive will make improvements to a ditch so that it will not affect anyone negatively.

Grant Administrator, Patsy Allen discussed the funding of the project.

Tony Rowland, owns property in the target area stated he is concerned with the amount of water that is flowing in the ditch.

Flenard Rowland, owns property in the target area is concerned with the amount of water that is flowing into the ditch and asked if there are any grant funds to correct the problems in the creek near his home.

Stafford Smith lives on Adrian Drive and is concerned with the flooding from the creek in his back yard.

Annie Grant discussed the CDBG grant.

Stanley Carson made comments regarding the creek.

Benjamin Barnes addressed a flooding issue in his yard, but is not in the target area.

Barbara Barnes asked whether or not there is funding to make improvements to the creek.

Johnny Lewis asked if there are any drawings or pictures available of the proposed plan.

Velecia Cobb stated that SPLOST funds could be used to help with any improvements for the project.

Ian Jackson asked the total cost of the project.

Linda Dye lives at 1251 North Laurel Ave stated that she has had an odor from the sewage line since 1990.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve a resolution to use eminent domain to acquire an easement for certain properties to complete the 2011 CDBG project, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 3-0.

A second reading of the ordinance amending Article XI: Special Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance was done. Mr. Moore made a motion to table approval until the next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2015, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve a resolution to extend a moratorium on granting business license and zoning requests to personal care homes and community living arrangements until January 6, 2015, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the bid of J Houston Holdings LLC to purchase and remove two propane tanks in the amount of \$22,000 located at Horizon Growers, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Personnel committee that each supervisor will make a recommendation of Employee raises from 0-3% based on merit, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Wynn made a motion to approve the request by the Greene County Class of 1985 to use a city day at Festival Hall to host their class reunion on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss two legal matters, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

No action was taken in executive session Mr. McWhorter made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding executive session, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mayor Wright closed the meeting with prayer.